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SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC)

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1. GIVEN ALMOST CONTINUOUS ABSENCE FOREIGN MINISTER MOUKNASS AND TOTAL UNFAMILIARITY OF BRAND NEW MINISTER LABOR WITH ILO ISSUES, MISSION ADOPTED TACTIC OF SENSITIZING SENIOR GIRM OFFICIALS IN POSITION TO AFFECT GIRM DELEGATION'S INSTRUCTIONS AND OF RECONTACTING LABOR UNION OFFICIALS IN SECOND PUSH ON ILO PROBLEM.

2. AMBASSADOR ACCORDINGLY UNDERSCORED IMPORTANCE OF UPCOMING ILC IN RE ULTIMATE US DECISION ON WITHDRAWAL AND MADE BRIEF PRESENTATION OF PROBLEM AND ISSUES TO MINISTER STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCES (AND MINLABOR'S BOSS) SIDI BABA AND MINISTER STATE FOR RURAL ADVANCEMENT (AND FORMER MINLABOR) BARO. DAKAR-BASED AALC REPRESENTATIVE KLUGMAN WHO WAS IN TOWN FOR MAURITANIAN LABOR UNION (UTM) CONGRESS PROVIDED EFFECTIVE COUNTERPOINT. COPIES OF US 1975 WITHDRAWAL LETTER AND OF DEPARTMENT'S PRESENTATION WERE HAND-CARRIED TO TWO MINISTERS OF STATE FOLLOWING DAY. SIDI BABA AS GIRM UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE HAS FIRST-HAND FAMILIARITY WITH GENERAL ISSUES OF POLITICIZATION OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. BARO LISTENED CAREFULLY, BUT FIRMLY POINTED OUT THAT MAURITANIA HAS STRONG VIEWS ABOUT ISRAEL, AND AS
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MATTER OF FIXED POLICY SUPPORTS POSITION ARAB CAUCUS.

3. AMBASSADOR STRESSED ANEW IMPORTANCE OF ILC TO FUTURE US PARTICIPATION IN ILO TO UTM NUMBER TWO (SOU MOUSSA DEMBA). KLUGMAN MADE PARALLEL PRESENTATION TO MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND UTM CHIEF MELANINE.

4. AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY RAISED ILO ISSUE WITH 'ABDAL-LAHI OULD CHEIKH WHO REPRESENTED MAURITANIA AT RECENT ARAB AND AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS CAUCUSES, AND WHO DESPITE HIS SHIFT MID-MAY TO PLANNING MINISTRY RETAINS HIS INTEREST AND INFLUENCE IN LABOR MATTERS. OULD CHEIKH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NEW MINISTER IS UNFAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF ILO ISSUES, BUT EXPECTED HIM TO BE WELL BRIEFED PRIOR TO ILC AND NOTED IN ANY EVENT THAT MELANINE WHO IS ATTENDING AS DELEGATION COUNSELOR IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH RANGE OF PROBLEMS. MOREOVER, OULD CHEIKH DECLARED ON BASIS HIS RECENT ENCOUNTERS THAT AFRICAN AND ARAB LABOR REPRESENTATIVES ARE GOING TO GENEVA IN " A SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION".

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